

Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, June 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Announcements

Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings and Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombings Awareness Course

July 25 and July 26, 2006 in Quincy, MA

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in Partnership with MBTA Transit Police, are presenting a training to provide participants with basic information concerning explosive and incendiary devices that could be used as terrorist weapons. This course is designed for Emergency Responders including: Fire, Police, EMS, Emergency Management Personnel, Public Works, Public Health, or any emergency responder who is likely to be called upon a scene that involves energetic materials (WMD). The goal of this course is to provide participants with the ability to conduct pre-attack analysis and planning, prior to a suicide bombing incident. Training registration form and contact information is attached.

Survey for the Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant Program

To help the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Advisory Committee develop their Three Year Strategic Plan for the Massachusetts Violence Against Women Act STOP (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors) Grant Program, the EOPS is administering a survey to members of the criminal justice, court, local/state government, and victim advocate/victim services communities. The survey seeks respondents' views on the criminal justice system's response to crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in Massachusetts, in a number of areas including: the needs of victims of crimes against women, VAWA program purpose areas, and underserved populations. The EOPS is particularly interested in the professional opinions of front-line staff. The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Contact Diane DeAngelis at diane.deangelis@state.ma.us or (617) 725-3362 with any questions or comments.

Any individual wishing to complete the survey should enter the following link into their web browser: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=40952223277>

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Notice on Toyobo Class Action Settlement regarding Zylon Bulletproof Vests

Please note there is another limited opportunity for anyone with a Second Chance vest to participate in the Toyobo Class Action Settlement. Toyobo is the exclusive manufacturer of Zylon. Anyone (or department) that had purchased a Second Chance Ultima, Ultimax, or Triflex vest may submit a late claim no later than **JULY 1, 2006**. For the purpose of this class action settlement, it makes no difference if you have already received a warranty replacement vest or any other remedy offered by Second Chance or its agents. Any Second Chance consumer is eligible.

To obtain the registration forms, either visit www.zylonvestclassaction.com or call 1-877-567-2754.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

The College Environmental Alcohol Prevention Planning and Implementation Grant

Application Deadline: June 23, 2006

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau (GHSB), a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety, announces the availability of approximately \$200,000 in grant funding for Massachusetts colleges and universities with undergraduate enrollment of 5,000 or less. Colleges and universities will develop and implement an environmentally focused plan to prevent alcohol use and abuse. Proposed programs should focus on limiting access to alcohol, expressing community norms, or programming aimed specifically at impaired driving.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Formula Grant Program

Bidders' Conference: June 22, 2006 in Worcester, MA

Application Deadline: July 20, 2006

EOPS is making approximately \$885,000 of funding available from the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) Formula Grant Program, subject to the final award to Massachusetts through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of this program is to improve the lives of juveniles in the Commonwealth by preventing their involvement with the juvenile justice system and by improving the operation and services provided by the juvenile justice system. A bidders' conference will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Worcester, Massachusetts.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

Other Funding Opportunities

Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program

Application Deadline: June 19, 2006

"The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is looking for applicants for the Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program. The goal of the program is to foster original, rigorous, scientific research and evaluation studies using traditional or innovative methods to inform the disciplines of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and child maltreatment prevention and intervention."

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/2006fire.pdf>

Social Science Research on the Role and Impact of Forensic Evidence on the Criminal Justice Process

Application Deadline: June 20, 2006

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals for social science research that evaluates the use of forensic evidence in the criminal justice system through the collection, analysis, and subsequent investigative and adjudicative processes. Findings from this study could influence policies on such issues as the allocation of resources and the training of laboratory and crime scene personnel.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/SL000748.pdf>

Research and Publications

Characteristics of Drivers Stopped by Police

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released this report detailing the nature and characteristics of traffic stops, as collected by the 2002 Police Public Contact Survey, a supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey. Demographic information is presented on the 16.8 million drivers stopped by police in 2002, as well as information on the various outcomes of traffic stops, including: searches conducted by police, tickets issued to drivers stopped for speeding, arrests of stopped drivers, and police use of force during a traffic stop.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cdsp02.htm>

Synthetic Drug Control Strategy: A Focus on Methamphetamine and Prescription Drug Abuse

The Office of National Drug Control Policy presents the Administration's strategy for responding to the illicit use and production of methamphetamine, and the illicit use of controlled substance prescription drugs. The publication includes a progress report and a detailed description of current goals to reduce production and use.

Access full text at: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/synthetic_drg_control_strat/index.html

Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2005

The Bureau of Justice Statistics is presenting data on prison and jail inmates, collected from National Prisoner Statistics counts and the Census of Jail Inmates 2005. This midyear report contains statistics on the number of prison inmates held in private facilities and the number of prisoners under 18 years of age held by State correctional authorities. Numbers of prison and jail inmates by gender, race, and Hispanic origin as well as counts of jail inmates by conviction status and confinement status are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/pjim05.htm>

Highlights of the 2004 National Youth Gang Survey

This recently released Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention report provides an overview of findings from the 2004 National Youth Gang Survey, the tenth annual survey conducted by the National Youth Gang Center. Data is provided to shed light on youth gang activity in the United States and includes the number of gangs, gang members, and gang-related homicides in larger cities, suburban counties, smaller cities, and rural counties.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=235570>

Local Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices, 2003

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released two reports using data collected from the 2003 Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics (LEMAS) survey. Data is collected from a representative sample of local police departments and sheriff's offices nationwide and detail a variety of agency characteristics. The sheriff's office report includes national estimates for sheriffs' offices on staff and financial resources, technologies and equipment in use, and agency policies and practices covering a wide variety of law enforcement and administrative concerns. The law enforcement report also includes national estimates for local police departments on issues including staff and financial resources, technologies and equipment in use, and policies and practices of the agencies.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/whatsnew2.htm>

Conferences and Trainings

G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training: Gang Resistance Education and Training

The Executive Office of Public Safety is currently soliciting interest in G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Officer Training. If enough officers are interested, the training will take place during the last two weeks of August, 2006. Either 1-week or 2-week training will be offered to certified/sworn, uniformed law enforcement officers with a minimum of one year of experience and who agree to teach the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum in uniform.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> click in key initiative module

Terrorism Symposium

June 12-13, 2006 in Denver, CO

The National Institute of Justice is hosting this event for law enforcement officials who deal with terrorism in their states, cities, and communities. Panelists will share research findings and state and local officials will be invited to describe their challenges and experiences in interactive sessions. Topics will include: how to identify warning signs, what local prosecutors are doing to combat terrorism, ways to improve cooperation between law enforcement and Arab communities, securing shopping malls and seaports, and money laundering.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/register_ts.html

DNA Grantees Workshop

June 26-28, 2006 in Arlington, VA

The National Institute of Justice is announcing this DNA grantee workshop as a forum for discussion on the current and future needs of public crime laboratories and how new technological innovations can help meet those needs. The workshop will also give researchers the opportunity to provide project updates, practitioners to discuss casework issues and concerns, and for researchers and practitioners to work in partnership.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html>

Managing Juvenile Services

Various dates and locations listed below

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is sponsoring the following training sessions on managing juvenile services:

- Hartford, CT, June 26-30, 2006
- Spokane, WA, August 7-11, 2006
- Kansas City, MO, September 18-22, 2006
- Rochester, NY, October 23-27, 2006

This program will present management concepts to build leadership capacity and organizational competency in the planning and delivery of juvenile services. Tuition, student materials, instructional costs, and single-occupancy lodging will be provided by OJJDP. The participant is responsible for transportation, meals, and incidental expenses.

For more information: <http://dept.fvtc.edu/ojjdp/descriptions.htm#mjs>

Criminal Intelligence Systems Training

July 13, 2006 in Franklin, MA

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is offering a training, co-hosted by NESPIN, on the guidelines governing the operation of federally funded criminal intelligence systems. The training includes information on the following topics: training overview and resources, 28 Code of Federal Regulations Part 23, complying with the regulation, storing criminal intelligence, inquiry and dissemination, and review and purge. There is no registration fee but the class size is limited.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/28cfr/Franklin.htm>

The 2006 NIJ Conference

July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC

The National Institute of Justice Conference (formally called the Research and Evaluation Conference) spotlights what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. Developments in technology that increases public safety will be featured. Researchers interested in criminal justice, policymakers responsible for shaping public safety or social services, practitioners in criminal justice and students interested in criminal justice issues are invited to attend.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference2006.html

2006 National Community Policing Conference - Community Policing: Leading the Way to a Safer Nation

July 27-29, 2006 in Washington, DC

This Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) conference will feature more than 48 workshops grouped into seven subject tracks offering leadership strategies: Leading in Change, Leading in Innovation, Leading in Crisis, Leading in Integrity, Leading in Science and Technology, Ahead of the Curve, and Contemporary Issues in Community Policing. Command and patrol-level law enforcement personnel, state and local government executives, criminal justice professionals, educators, community leaders, and others interested in the implementation and future direction of community policing are invited to attend.

For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=1044>

In The News

Boston's New Problem: Stop Emerging Girl Gang "Epidemic"

***Boston Herald*, May 12, 2006**

According to the *Boston Herald*, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino is ordering new steps to stop the violence between gangs of young girls, including the addition of female police detectives to a special unit. The rise in violent crimes committed by teenage girls who associate or travel in loosely organized groups prompted Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole to ask for more female cops in the Youth Violence Strike Force. Teen girls were involved in at least four incidents of armed violence during the second week of May.

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=138947>

Boston Plans 24/7 Surveillance Of Hard-Core Criminals

***Boston Globe*, May 16, 2006**

According to a recent *Boston Globe* article, Boston police will increase twenty-four hour surveillance of dozens of hard-core criminals on the city's streets to help curb violence in what is feared to be a particularly bloody summer. The new tracking program, referred inside the department as "A Day in the Life," calls for monitoring the criminals who are believed to be largely responsible for the shocking increase in gun violence.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/05/16/police_planning_tight_surveillance_of_worst_criminals/

Boston Officials Launch Gun Buyback Program

***Boston Globe*, May 30, 2006**

The *Boston Globe* indicated that City and police officials, and community leaders have recently announced that a gun buyback program is restarting in Boston. About \$40,000 has been raised for the program, which details that people who turn in guns will be given \$200 in Target gift cards. Gift cards will be used instead of cash because criminologists have found that in previous buyback programs, certain individuals used the buyback money to purchase newer guns.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/globe/city_region/breaking_news/2006/05/boston_official.html

Boston Tests Electronic Crime Alert System For Public

***Boston Globe*, June 2, 2006**

Boston is starting a crime alert system that will notify residents when crimes occur in their neighborhoods, reports the Boston Globe. The system will disseminate crucial information about crimes through text messages, e-mails, and faxes to Boston residents. The program will initially be tested in three police districts, Dorchester, South Boston, and Roxbury, and could expand to cover the rest of the city later this year.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/06/02/city_police_to_send_residents_electronic_crime_alerts/

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